

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1921, the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions Club was formed with 50 charter members and is now celebrating its 85th anniversary; and,

Whereas, Lions Club was started in 1917 by Chicago insurance agent, Melvin Jones, who invited other commercial clubs to join him in forming a group dedicated to service to their fellow man, a group without regard to politics, religion, race or in any way the personal interests of the members; and,

Whereas, The International Association of Lions Clubs has championed the causes of the blind and sight impaired and, in 1993, began Campaign SightFirst to work toward wiping out preventable blindness; and,

Whereas, The Sioux Falls Downtown Lions Club is the oldest club in the International Multiple District, which includes South Dakota, North Dakota and the Canadian Province of Saskatchewan; and,

Whereas, The 85th Anniversary celebration of the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions Club will take place on February 28, 2006, at the Holiday Inn City Centre in Sioux Falls:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2006, as

SIoux FALLS DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State